

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-5, 7, 9-13 and 15 as follows:

- Sub B1*
- A1*
1. (Amended) An optical film comprising:  
a polarizing plate having a protective layer on at least one side of a polarizer; and  
a brightness enhancement film laminated to the polarizing plate, wherein when the optical film is cut into a 25 mm × 150 mm strip-shape and the strip-shaped film is bent at a center of the film so that both ends in a longitudinal direction of the optical film approach each other and the distance between the both ends is 50 mm, the force applied to one end of the film is 0.20 N or less.
  2. (Amended) The optical film according to claim 1, wherein the brightness enhancement film comprises a reflecting and a polarization separating function.
  3. (Amended) The optical film according to claim 1, wherein the brightness-enhancement film comprises a Grandjean structured liquid crystal polymer layer having a circular polarization separating function and a quarter wavelength plate.
  4. (Amended) The optical film according to claim 1, wherein the brightness enhancement film comprises a linear polarization separating function using reflection at each interface of a multilayer film.
  5. (Amended) The optical film according to claim 1, wherein the polarizing plate and the

brightness enhancement film are laminated by an adhesive layer.

*Sub 31 center* (Amended) The optical film according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the protective layer of the polarizing plate and a base material of the brightness enhancement film is 50 mm or less.

*Sub 31 center* 9. (Amended) A liquid crystal display comprising: a liquid crystal cell; an optical film on at least one side of the liquid crystal cell, the optical film comprising: a polarizing plate having a protective layer on at least one side of a polarizer; and

*A3* a brightness enhancement film laminated to the polarizing plate, wherein when the optical film is cut into a 25 mm × 150 mm strip-shape and the strip-shaped film is bent at a center of the film so that both ends in a longitudinal direction of the optical film are allowed to approach each other and the distance between the both ends becomes 50 mm, the force applied to one end of the film is 0.20 N or less.

10. (Amended) The liquid crystal display according to claim 9, wherein the brightness enhancement film comprises a reflecting and a polarization separating function.

11. (Amended) The liquid crystal display according to claim 9, wherein the brightness enhancement film comprises a Grandjean structured liquid crystal polymer layer having a circular polarization separating function and a quarter wavelength plate.

12. (Amended) The liquid crystal display according to claim 9, wherein the brightness enhancement film comprises a linear polarization separating function using reflection at each interface of a multilayer film.

*Sub B1  
confid* 13. (Amended) The liquid crystal display according to claim 9, wherein the polarizing plate and the brightness enhancement film are laminated by an adhesive layer.

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confid* 15. (Amended) The liquid crystal display according to claim 9, wherein the thickness of the protective layer of the polarizing plate and a base material of the brightness enhancement film is 50 mm or less.

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Please add new claims 17-20 as follows:

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confid* 17. The optical film according to claim 1, wherein the force applied to one end of the film is 0.193 N or less.

*#5* 18. The optical film according to claim 1, wherein the force applied to one end of the film is 0.163 or less.

19. The liquid crystal display according to claim 9, wherein the force applied to one end of the film is 0.193 N or less.

20. The liquid crystal display according to claim 9, wherein the force applied to one end of the film is 0.163 or less.

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